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REMARKS

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1. Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) airfield was unoccupied on 21 July 1950. * Only about 25 air force officers remained after the troops had left the maneuver area south of Rathenow during the period from 15 to 17 July 1950.
2. Four U-2 biplanes were standing at the field on 25 July 1950. About 20 artillery officers and 6 to 10 air force officers were billeted at the Vogelsang Inn north of the field. About 200 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery badges, were quartered in the club house near Wolzensee.
3. The landing field at the airfield was sodded. Construction work was not observed. Hangars and other installations were not seen. The field appeared to be used as an auxiliary landing strip.
4. Germans employed in the barracks of Rathenow said that the planes formerly stationed at the field had been assigned to the artillery headquarters in Rathenow. **

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[REDACTED] Comment. On 11 July 1950 the same source saw 17 U-2s and two single-engine IG-2s or IL-10s at the field. [REDACTED] The present whereabouts of these planes is not known.

[REDACTED] Comment. The Hq of the IV Arty Corps is believed to be located in Rathenow. From this fact and from paragraph 2 it is possible that the planes previously observed in Rathenow were assigned to the IV Arty Corps, possibly only temporarily.

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